

I write to draw your attention to an outrageous abuse of the public trust: Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force all of their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair enjoys privileged use of the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead, Sinclair is engaged in blatant self-interested electioneering. This is an excellent illustration of the general truth that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for a thriving democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.